

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 1-3 and 51 are pending and indicated as allowable. Claims 13-14, and 52-62 are canceled without disclaimer or prejudice to renewal.

Telephonic Interview

The Examiner and his Supervising Examiner are thanked for graciously granting a telephonic interview on August 22, 2006. The issues discussed are as set forth in the present Official Action and in the Interview Summary mailed on August 28, 2006.

Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claim 14 for depending from a canceled claim. Applicants do not necessarily agree with Examiner. However, this rejection is rendered moot by the cancellation of claim 14.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, enablement requirement

The Examiner rejected claims 13 and 57 as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner. However, in the interest in furthering prosecution, Applicants have canceled claims 13-14 and 52-62. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.

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Amdt. dated September 11, 2006
Amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1632

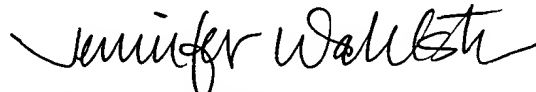
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,



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